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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have stated the general principle. When cases come before the Government, we examine them. There have been cases in which we have passed orders against the decision of the Superintendent of the Government Press."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" The question, Sir, is : ' In how many cases in which no enquiry was held, appeals against the orders of the Superintendent were allowed and in how many they were rejected ? ' That question, you will see, is not at all answered in the answer which is consolidated for all the clauses. I am asking whether the Government can now give or whether they want notice for supplying the information as regards the number of cases in which appeals were allowed and the number in which the appeals were rejected ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " If notice is given, I shall certainly supply the information."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask with regard to the answer to clause (a) of the question, the reason why no answer has been given at all ? The question is ' whether the procedure as to the enquiry contemplated in rule 14 of the Statutory Rules has been strictly followed . . . . in cases of dismissals, suspensions, reductions and removals.' The answer refers to the appeal to the Government There is no answer to the specific question of my hon. Friend from the City as to whether as a matter of fact this procedure is followed by Mr. Gilbert before he takes action in regard to dismissal, suspension, reduction or removal. May I know whether the Government can give the information now or whether they want notice ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I can give the information now. The procedure is followed."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" In every case ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if any appeal has been received by the hon. the Home Member stating that the procedure was not followed and whether an enquiry was held into such an appeal on that particular issue ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know how many appeals have been filed during the last year ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice, Sir."

Dismissals and suspensions by Mr. Gilbert as Superintendent, Government Press.

* 759-C Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(i) to furnish a comparative statement showing

(a) the dismissals, suspensions, removals and reductions made by the present Superintendent, Mr. Gilbert, during his period as Superintendent, and by the former Superintendent, Mr. Fisher, and by Mr. Green during his acting period as Superintendent ;

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(b) the designation, service and pay of the affected employees with reasons for each such order ;

(c) in how many cases the parties affected by the orders of Mr. Gilbert have appealed to Government ; and

(ii) to state whether almost all the orders of the present Superintendent were upheld by the Government ; if so, their respective reasons in each case ?

A.—(i) (a), (b), (c) & (ii) The Government do not consider that the labour involved in collecting the figures asked for would be justified.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" In reply to clauses (a) and (b) it is stated that 'the Government do not consider that the labour involved in collecting the figures asked for would be justified.' Sir, what Government is this ? Is it the Government of His Majesty the King-Emperor ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will kindly resume his seat."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether a statement of these dismissals is not kept at all in the office, for there must be several dismissals, and if such a statement is kept in the office whether it would be placed on the table of this House ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have given the reason in my answer."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Bearing on this question, a resolution was passed in this House, and the Government's reply was 'we do not accept.' Here we ask questions and even pass resolution. But what is the good of it all ? I asked a number of supplementary questions and the Government do not consider. I should like to know from the hon. the Home Member whether this Government is British Government or the Government of Dost Muhammad or Chengiz Khan or Mubarack ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise out of this."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" In the answer it is stated, 'the labour involved will not be justified.' Why is any new labour necessary ? Are not the statistics already in the office ? "

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member, in view of the fact that there is so much complaint, whether he does not consider the collection of facts necessary and whether he has declined to collect these figures, because it is inconvenient, either for Mr. Gilbert, the Superintendent, or for the Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Mr. Gilbert is no longer the Superintendent of the Government Press."

Alleged disregard of medical certificates for leave produced by P. Muniswami and Rangaswami, machine-minders in the Government Press.

* 759-D *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the medical certificates produced by one P. Muniswami and one K. P. Rangaswami, machine-minders, Government Press, Mint